

House Resolution No. 1835

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Charles L. Edmonson of Walnut Grove, Missouri, has distinguished himself as a devoted family man who has supported and provided for his wife and children through his labors with Trailmobile, Willard schools, and the transportation of lime and as a lifelong farmer; and

Whereas, Charles Edmonson also has distinguished himself as a member of Willard First Baptist Church, where he has taken on additional duties and responsibilities as a Deacon in order to tend to the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of all of the persons who make up the church's congregation; and

Whereas, Charles Edmonson came to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ in 1941, joined Turkey Creek Baptist Church in 1942, was ordained as a Deacon by Harold Baptist Church, and joined Willard First Baptist in 1969; and

Whereas, in his role as a Deacon, Charles Edmonson met the scriptural standards for such a high calling by having a good reputation, avoiding wrongdoing, and being successful in raising his children to walk blamelessly in society; and

Whereas, the title "Deacon" is derived from the Greek word "diakonos", which traditionally is translated in English as "servant"; and

Whereas, a Deacon for more than thirty-seven years, Charles Edmonson will allow others to step forward to take that role after he draws his active participation in that office to a close and becomes a Deacon Emeritus; and

Whereas, on April 15, 2007, Charles Edmonson is being presented with well-deserved honors and accolades by Willard First Baptist Church when the pastoral staff and members celebrate his esteemed function in the diverse ministries of their local religious institution:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the longstanding service of Charles Edmonson as a Deacon at First Baptist Church in Willard and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he accepts the honorary title of Deacon Emeritus and shifts the focus of his time and energy to other venues of spiritual service; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Charles L. Edmonson of Walnut Grove, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Shane Schoeller
District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1835, adopted April 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker